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Sunny		
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Sunny		
Thursday	71	56
Partly Cloudy		
Friday	78	55
Scattered Thunderstorms		
Saturday	69	50
Scattered Thunderstorms		

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Some state colleges mull per-hour tuition rate for all

Current 'full-time' rate OK for now, say UT system leaders

Will York
Managing Editor

While students who attend colleges governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents and attempt more than 12 credit hours each semester may see tuition hikes if the board alters their fee structure, the University of Tennessee is not yet considering such a change.

The Board of Regents, which oversees all public colleges in the state not part of the University of Tennessee system, has been considering a flat per-hour charge for all students, regardless of how many

hours they take. Currently, at both TBR and UT schools, students who take more than 12 hours are charged a "full-time" rate, equal to 12 hours.

The possible change would mean increased tuition costs for students taking more than 12 hours.

TBR Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Robert Adams cited students not taking their courses seriously as cause for looking into potentially changing the fee structure, which has been in place for at least 50 years.

"The only thing we've done is committed to the board we're going to look at

it," Adams said. "I'm going to be assembling some campus business people to look at it this fall. We would want to have a decision at least by the spring to take to the board."

If an investigatory committee moves swiftly, the new fee structure could be in place at TBR colleges by next fall.

Adams said the idea came up as a way to keep classes filled and avoiding course underutilization.

"Some of our more crowded universities have said they are concerned about students signing up for 18 hours and then, by the drop date, dropping hours, mak-

ing those seats go unused," he said. "They're concerned students may be course-shopping."

If approved, the change would be revenue-neutral, Adams said. In other words, the move would not be made in order to make money. Rather, TBR would determine a per-credit-hour tuition rate to be applied to all students. As a result, part-time students would likely pay less for their education, and full-time students taking more than 12 hours may pay more than they would have under the current system.

Part-time students—at both TBR and UT schools

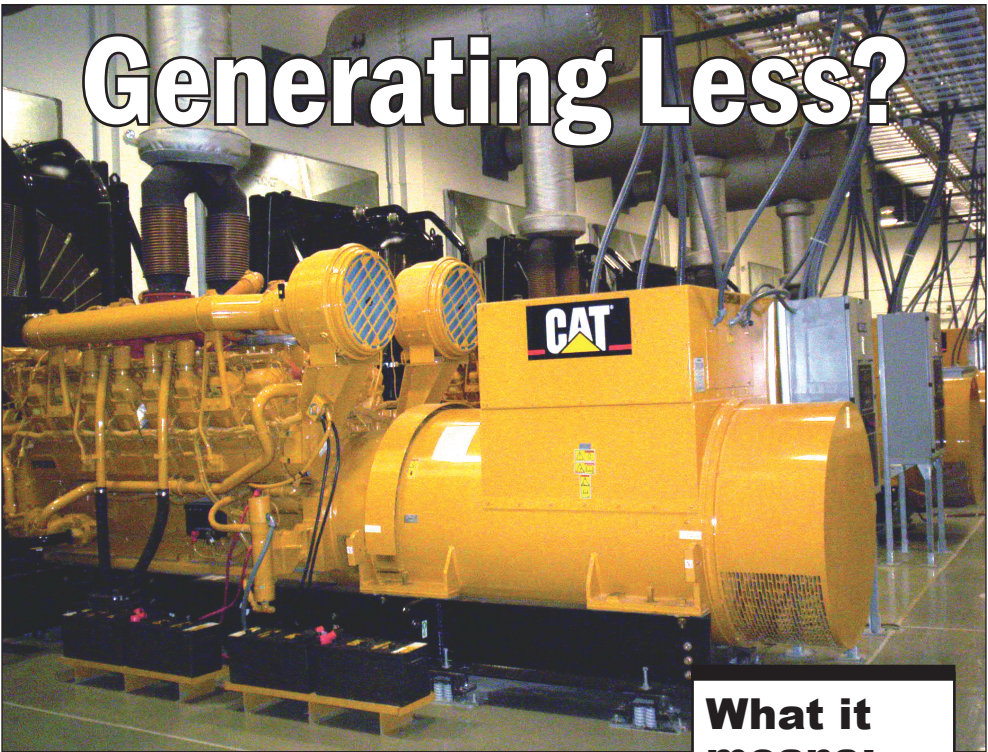
"They're concerned students may be course-shopping."

- Robert Adams
TBR Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance

—already pay by the hour. "What we are trying to avoid is students signing up for a class, waiting two or three weeks to see if they like the professor, then dropping the course,"

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SPECIAL REPORT



Generator won't save as much after TVA cancels special rate

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

Construction of a new UTM power facility, built with intentions of saving the university hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, will take about twice as long to pay off than first calculated, and produce significantly less energy cost savings than originally proposed.

That's according to UTM Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten. The \$4.4-million power generation facility, located on UT Farms, is presently costing the school money because of the Tennessee Valley Authority's discontinuation of their originally proposed discounted variable power interruptible (VPI) rate, which they would have given to the university as an incentive for building the generator.

But now, the VPI is gone, leaving

UTM—as well as other Tennessee universities—wondering where they'll make up the difference.

"Like UTM, many universities and larger businesses are being affected by the discontinuance of the VPI rate—the largest ones being Tennessee Tech, Middle Tennessee State and Tyson Foods," Hooten said.

"TVA has offered this discounted rate to large businesses for many years, and within the past few years has begun offering the same rate to universities. Because of a rise in the cost of natural gas, TVA services have become more in demand, and because of the high demand, they unexpectedly discontinued the VPI rate."

UTM first received notification from the TVA July 28 that the first contract would be canceled. The terms of the

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What it means:

Before the cut:
Up to \$60,000 per month energy savings anticipated

After the cut:
About \$3,000 per month.

Police chief search underway, committee favors quick decision

Will York
Managing Editor

A recently named five-member search committee hopes to select "three-to-five" finalists for the now-vacant director of Public Safety position by Nov. 1.

That's according to UTM Director of Business Affairs and search committee chair Joe Croom, who said the committee has already met twice since being named last week.

The committee also comprises Public Safety Lt. Steve Sherfield, Student Conduct Officer Vishenia Huery, Safety Officer Ted Council and Martin Police Department Chief David Moore.

Croom said the committee has launched a Southeast regional search, and has already placed print advertisements with major newspapers in Memphis and Nashville, as well as in regional trade publications. Additionally, UTM has listed the opening with the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews as necessary, the committee will make three-to-five recommendations to Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten, who will make the final hiring decision.

And Croom said the decision will hopefully come sooner rather than later.

"We're wanting to move quickly," Croom said. "We'd

like to get through this and make an offer soon."

Croom added it is difficult to gauge how many applications the committee will receive, but he predicts around 70 applications, based on previous searches he has overseen.



Croom

"I expect to have lots of candidates. So far I've received one e-mail from someone interested, but haven't gotten any official applications in," he said.

The application deadline is Oct. 13.

While the committee has yet to decide the most desired traits in an applicant, the official job listing requires at least a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, public administration or related field, with a minimum five years of experience in law enforcement supervision and certification by the Tennessee Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission, with a master's degree and university law enforcement supervision experience preferred.

Salary is to be commensurate with education and experience, Croom said.

The previous director, Rick Hatler, resigned Aug. 31 after having a sexual relationship with a female Public Safety police officer.

Capt. Ray Coleman is currently serving as the department's interim director. Coleman has yet to

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New UT campus logos, strategic plan to be unveiled at simulcast

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

UT campuses across the state will celebrate the University of Tennessee's first ever State of the University Celebration today.

UTM will join all UT campuses, institutes and units in celebrating via two-way simulcast, which will take place in Watkins Auditorium at 10:30 a.m., with the celebration itself beginning at 10 a.m.

During the simulcast UT President John Petersen will discuss UT's new strategic

plan, which focuses on helping more students in Tennessee earn bachelor's degrees and on research that supports economic development in the state.

UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan and Charley Deal, Director of Alumni Relations and Master of Ceremonies for UTM's part in the celebration, will introduce the simulcast and preview UTM's role in the plan.

The plan was adopted by the UT Board of Trustees June 21 and includes six areas of emphasis: student access and success, research

and economic development, and outreach and globalization. The plan was spurred on by the relatively low number of college graduates in Tennessee and the resulting \$19 billion economic impact.

Although Petersen outlined the plan Aug. 2 at UTM during a statewide campus tour, many details have yet to be disclosed.

"What UTM does well is providing a high quality undergraduate education," said Bud Grimes, Director of University Relations and UTM's portion of the celebration. "UTM's role

is to continue teaching role and public service role in the region," Grimes said, speaking on UTM's role in the strategic plan.

The celebration will also serve as the launch for UT's new Branding Campaign, which will bring each UT campus under an identifiable logo. The logos, which will have a common theme while representing individual campuses will be unveiled at the celebration.

"The UTM logo is going to change somewhat. The color scheme we use to identify ourselves will

change," Grimes said. "We're being allowed to adapt the logos to our use but stay in the guidelines they want us to."

The simulcast will include a brief shot of each campus prior to Petersen's address. The UTM celebration will include refreshments, door prizes and several unannounced speakers and performances.

"We're trying to keep an element of some surprise for the people on campus who attend," Grimes said. "Nothing quite like this has ever been done. It truly is a celebration."

Our View

Editorial: Run like it means something to you

Sorority rush closed yesterday with Bid Day or what many people on campus affectionately call it: “The Running of the Bulls.” It’s Pacer tradition for some of the staff to watch all the pledges scream and run to their new sisters. Except this year, there was hardly any screaming and running. The consensus in the group of staff members attending was no one looked happy to be invited into their new family. It might have been the rainy weather, but that’s highly unlikely. If you’re going to join a group on campus, greek, service or academic, at least be excited to join. Don’t feel like it’s an obligation or it’s “required” to join a certain organization to gain the full college experience. Many people enjoy different things; that’s why there are so many organizations on campus. But some people are natural loners, and the idea of getting into any group just doesn’t appeal to them. Some people can’t find an organization on campus that is about their interests in life. If that happens, start an organization. Each organization started with a few people asking themselves, “I wonder if anyone else likes or cares about this?” The rumblings around the office is that it seems that less and less people care about many things that happen on campus. A lot of people, not all, live from keg stand to keg stand. We’re not expecting you to get knee deep in every little thing that goes on. That’s ridiculous. But we feel like most people are at UTM to get their degree and get out. They don’t care about memories or issues, but as long as they walk away with that piece of paper in their hand, who cares about anything else? That’s also ridiculous. We’re not screaming “Get Involved!” if that’s not what you want to do. But whatever you do, at least care enough to be excited. In everything you do on campus, run to it like it means something in your life. Don’t walk to it like you’re walking to your death.

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American freedoms are not free in modern times

The United States is known across the globe as the world’s superpower since the end of the Cold War but this may not be so anymore. It is also the land of the free. However, this may not be true in the coming months or years. Of all the hundreds of luxuries such as the Internet and the many liberties we have for living in a free society, is that going to last much longer and if so what kind of changes are you willing to make? Let’s begin by looking at the U.S. economy and “superpower” status. Since the U.S. emerged as the major power in the world at the end of the Cold War, we have spread our wealth and military might all across the globe in one form or another. However, speaking economically, another giant has emerged. China has increased its influence internationally by its mass of industries and military. We can see this by looking at most of the products we own. It’s hard to find American products in our own nation. What does this mean? Well, setting aside our debt to other nations as well as China, the large nation has recently been coming up to par with the U.S. economy. A recent article in the Wall Street Journal stated “many economists as well as former Chairman Alan Greenspan predict that within 20 years the United States will no longer be the



Casey McCasland Guest Columnist

huge economic power as it was back in the 90’s.” The final thing to be pointed out in this part of my two-part article is the freedom of the Internet. We all love to visit our favorite sites and read the blogs. We sweep through the Net only worrying about viruses. But what if the Net was controlled by the U.S. government in terms of the use of it? Imagine only seeing what the government wants you to see. Sounds like something a conspiracy theorist would say right? Wrong. This is in fact very real. Congress is discussing this with very little opposition and it has now gone to the Senate. The bill known as the Net Neutrality Bill states that providers can restrict or disrupt your access to Web content and applications in a variety of ways, such as what kind of blogs are appropriate and numerous other ways. They can tell you what you can and cannot view. More about this will be available in my next column. The next column discusses many ways the U.S. may not be free for much longer and more information on the Internet bill.

Letter to the Editor

Smoker speaks out about her fight with the cloud

Why is it that smokers feel the need to crowd around the entrances of every building on campus? I have noticed that Gooch Hall and Humanities are the worst. A law was passed this summer, Chapter 876 Bill No. 3368 Section 4-4-121. Smoking shall be prohibited in all buildings that are owned or operated by the State of Tennessee ... It is the intent of the General Assembly that all buildings ... shall be smoke-free. Smokers are not allowed within 20 feet of the entrance of a building. But it happens every day. I hold the smokers and the office of Campus Safety and Security responsible for this. Why is it that if a student parks in a staff designated area that they get a ticket, but someone breaking a state law receives no punishment? It’s not that I don’t have sympathy for smokers; I used to be one. But even before I quit I hated walking out of class into a cloud of smoke. It’s even worse as a former

smoker. For those of you who have quit you know what I mean, the more you are around it the harder it is to stay “quit.” Most of us who do quit do it for health reasons, either for ourselves or our loved ones. If a smoker doesn’t mind ruining their lungs and killing their brain cells or, how about reeking of smoke, I do. It’s not fair to those of us who don’t smoke to have to ingest someone else’s nasty habit. Smokers gripe about their rights; well, what about the rest of us? How many test results are going to have to be published about second-hand smoke being deadly before smokers respect the rest of us? I challenge all of you to speak out about this, and you smokers to be considerate enough to step away from the door before you light up. I also expect Campus Safety and Security to enforce this law.

Amanda Young Communications

Gain new experiences through organizations


When I first started to college, I wondered what things were in Martin that I could get involved with. I was bombarded with the Pikes, the K.A.s, the Sig Eps, the ABCs, DEFs, and so forth but knew that wasn’t for me. Something about structured friendships and paying dues to maintain them sort of bothered me. Yes, there is more to them (before anyone starts rushing for the Hate Mail Keyboard) but I just didn’t see myself an active fraternity guy so I looked elsewhere. In my journey for something to fill my time, I was thrilled to find great people and staff and helpful skill building in the theatre department. The theatre has helped me build people skills and given me a bit of the self-confidence that sometimes slips away with moving out into the “real world.” On Thursday nights in the Writing Center of the Humanities building, I found a group of talented poets and writers that bring together unique voices and creative minds in many ways. Being an artist, and writer, I found that this group was a nice fit for my schedule. In my time here, I’ve been a member of several different organizations that have bridged the gap between



Christian Ashlar Staff Columnist

my fellow students and myself. I’ve been co-president of ALLIES, been an active member of Alpha Psi Omega, president of Sigma Tau Delta, helped on BeanSwitch and many other fantastic things. In addition to my time in Vanguard, I’ve even taught my own acting class! It’s funny to me to hear people say, “There’s nothing to do on campus,” when there are so many things that are open for involvement. In addition to the fraternity life, there are academic groups, art groups, an Anime club, and several other groups that just get together to order pizza, sit around and talk all night! So, the next time you’re sitting around in your dorm room and all that’s on TV are re-runs of “Project Runway” and “America’s Next Top Model,” shut that mindless thing off and get out and involved on campus. I’m sure that if you search hard enough, there is somewhere you can go to relieve boredom, and you can meet some fantastic people along the way!

Conservation was important to Steve Irwin...



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NEXT DOOR to BRADLEY BOOKS

President’s Roundtable discusses yearbooks, Homecoming

Darci Meyer
Staff Writer

The President’s Roundtable was held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber in the UC.

Laura Humphrey, coordinator of student organizations, began the meeting by introducing Charlie Deal, Director of Alumni Relations.

Deal discussed plans for this year’s Homecoming, which will take place Monday, Oct. 23 thru Sunday, Oct. 29.

He announced a new event this year, the banner competition. Each student organization is asked to decorate a banner regarding the theme “The Electric ‘80s... The Return of the A-Team.”

During Homecoming week, the banners will be hung on the flagpoles along University Street.

The banners are free to student organizations and will be available in the office of Alumni Relations closer to Homecoming.

Homecoming packets will be distributed to the presidents and advisers of student organizations regarding rules and events of Homecoming.

“Homecoming is for alumni... make this year’s the best yet,” said Deal. For more information about Homecoming week and a complete list of events, please visit www.utmforever.com.

Steve Vantrease, director of the University Center, followed Deal and discussed the 11th Annual UTM vs. Murray State Blood Battle.

In 11 years, UTM has collected 3,300 units of blood for Lifeline Blood Services and Vantrease encourages students to continue this tradition.

President’s Roundtable at a Glance

- Homecoming starts Oct. 23. New events such as the banner competition will be highlights of the annual event.
- UTM vs. Murray State Blood Battle is on Sept. 26 & 27 in the UC.
- Student organization update forms are due by Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.
- A survey has been placed on the UTM Portal regarding the student’s opinion about the yearbook.
- The SGA Student Appreciation Banquet will be held Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in Duncan Ballroom

The blood drive will be on Tuesday, Sept. 26 and Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the UC. All donors will receive a free t-shirt.

Humphrey continued the meeting with a reminder to

attendees to update their organization’s information. Student organization update forms are available from the office of Student Life and on its Web site www.utm.edu/departments/studentlife. Forms

are due in the office of Student Life or by electronic submission on Monday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.

James Orr, Student Government Association president, continued the meeting with an announcement about the SGA Student Appreciation Banquet. The banquet will be held on Monday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Duncan Ballroom in the UC. It is in honor of the student organizations on campus. Student organizations will receive an invitation to this event in the near future.

Orr followed with announcing a survey that will be placed on the UTM Portal regarding students’ opinion about the yearbook. A forum will also be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 and it is open to everyone. The location is yet to be determined.

“Students have a voice in what to do with the

yearbook. We really need students to participate in voting and to come to the forum. When I put my vote in for SGA at the publications committee meeting, I want to know how to vote for the students,” said Orr.

Lastly, Orr stated that starting next week, SGA will assist students with registering to vote as part of a national study about voter registration.

The focus of the study is to determine what the best methods of registration are and if students actually vote once registered.

“I am very optimistic that we are moving in the right direction with student organizations and with SGA and administration. There are tremendous gains in the abilities to communicate and reach out to student organizations to maximize potential benefits for their members,” said Humphrey.

New York Times to make fall debut

NYT doubles its UTM circulation to 2,000; first copies yet to be delivered

Jay Baker
Asst. News Editor

After a meeting with university deans and department chairs last Wednesday, Mike McCullough, professor of management and American Democracy Project chair, was able to secure the future of the New York Times’ presence at UTM this fall.

The daily newspaper has been absent for three weeks because of budgetary restraints. Last year the American Democracy Project, through Academic Affairs, paid nearly \$6,000 for about 1,000 copies a week at 35 cents a copy with \$100 a week for delivery.

This fall, 17 professors will be using the NYT in their classes, doubling its circulation at UTM from 1,000 to 2,000, costing just over \$10,000.

Despite its funding woes being overcome, the NYT has yet to make its appearance on campus this semester. McCullough said that the first copies of the semester should have been here Monday.

“Delivery or distribution are the only possible culprits, since the agreement was struck to resume.”

- Mike McCullough
American Democracy Project

“Delivery or distribution are the only possible culprits, since the agreement was struck to resume,” McCullough said.

McCullough also said that a similar situation happened last semester when the NYT was first brought to UTM, citing delivery mishaps as the culprit. Apparently, the driver had a hard time finding where to deliver them.

Austin Norfleet, with the NYT, apologized for the delay.

“Sorry folks, there was a routing issue. I am triple checking to make sure we are good for [today],” Norfleet.

Where’s the Times Going?

<i>(per week)</i>	
Buildings:	
Honors - 15	
Writing Center - 15	
Brehm - 35	
Humanities - 35	
Business - 35	
Gooch - 35	
Administration - 35	
UC - 35	
Fine Arts - 35	
Professors:	
Crapo - 25	
Brindamou - 15	
Solomons - 165	
Hewitt - 54	
Sieber - 105	
Pehlren - 5	
Freed - 36	
Carls - 100	
Reavis - 120	
Coffey - 180	
Barber - 75	
Byrd - 45	
Hearn - 15	
Hunt - 286	
Russell - 200	
Parrish - 145	
Carrithers - 57	
Chesteen - 125	

UTM sets record-breaking enrollment for fall semester

Staff Reports

UTM set six all-time enrollment records and, for the second consecutive year, had the largest enrollment percentage increase of any four-year public university in the state, based on preliminary fall enrollment figures. It was the seventh consecutive period UTM has enrolled a record number of students.

A total of 6,893 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 6,484 recorded for fall 2005. It also follows top numbers for spring and summer 2006 semesters.

The fall 2006 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for undergraduates, graduates, dual-credit/concurrent students, total full-time equivalent and undergraduate full-time equivalent students. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

“The access component of the new University of Tennessee Strategic Plan is important to the state and region,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, UTM chancellor. “What we’re doing with

“This continued growth is a reflection of student satisfaction and the outstanding jobs that our faculty and staff are doing”

— Nick Dunagan, Chancellor

enrollment meets and exceeds what we intended as it relates to access.”

Based on final figures, this fall’s enrollment at UTM is a 6.3 percent increase over fall 2005. Final figures are compiled by the university’s Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

“This continued growth is a reflection of student satisfaction and the outstanding jobs that our faculty and staff are doing,” added Dunagan.

The record enrollment also reflects 1,203 freshmen, the sixth largest freshman class on the UTM campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.34 high school grade point average, up from 3.30 in 2005, and

an average ACT score of 21.82.

Compared to last year’s totals, UTM will have 409 more undergraduates and graduates for a 6.3 percent increase; 260 additional dual-credit/concurrent students, a 73 percent increase; and 31 additional graduate students, a 5.7 percent increase.

The enrollment growth trend follows the recent notification from *U.S. News and World Report* that UTM is tied for 21st place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor’s and master’s degrees. UTM also was named a “Best Southeastern College” by *The Princeton Review* for 2007.



Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Math Lab <p>If you need help in mathematics, the UTM Math Lab is offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities B 103 A (Basement), and from 4-9 p.m. in Humanities 408-406. There is no tutoring on Fridays.</p>	Pacer Meetings <p>Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are held at 5:15 p.m. every Tuesday in Gooch 316. Come sign up for a story.</p>	They hope to see you there.	
English Lab <p>The English Writing Center will be offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Humanities 209 and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities 209.</p>	Philosophy Forum <p>If you have an opinion, come share it with the Philosophy Forum as they explore the workings of the world. You can also enjoy fine Mexican food while you discuss. The Philosophy Forum meets at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesdays at La Canasta. For more information, contact Chace Wimberly at 414-1221 or chace2004@hotmail.com</p>	SABER Meeting <p>SABER will hold its next meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in UC 229. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	SGA Senate Meeting <p>SGA Senate will meet at 9 p.m. on Thursday in UC 111 (Legislative Quarters). Everyone is invited to attend.</p>
Bean Switch Meetings <p>UTM’s Art & Literary Magazine, Bean Switch, holds weekly meetings at 5:15 p.m. on Thursdays in HU 209 (Writing Center). All are welcome to attend these meetings</p>	Biological Honors Society Informational Meeting <p>A cookout will be held in front of Brehm Hall at 5:30 p.m. today for an informational meeting about the Biological Honors Society. There will be free food.</p>	Black Student Association Meeting <p>The Black Student Association will hold a meeting today at 7 p.m. in UC 111</p>	SAC Movie Night <p>The Student Activities Council will have their weekly movie showing at 9 p.m. on Friday night. They will be showing “Fire Wall”. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>
		STEAM Meeting <p>STEAM will hold a meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 in the LRC. Refreshments will be served.</p>	English Society Picnic <p>The English Society will host a picnic from 4-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at Weldon Park.</p>
		Vanguard Auditions <p>Vanguard Auditions for their fall production will be held at 7:30 p.m. today and Wednesday at the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts Building.</p>	Intramural Golf <p>UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Golf this semester. Deadline for entry is Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. The cost for</p>
			participation in the two-man 9-hole best ball scramble is \$30 and will take place at the Wynridge Golf Club. Tee-off is at 3:30 p.m. Play begins Sept. 20. For more information, call 881-7745.
			Lunch & Learn <p>Counseling Services are sponsoring Wednesday Forums: Lunch & Learn this year. Their first meeting, “Party Hearty Like a Smarty,” will be at 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 20 in UC 125.</p>
			Blood Battle <p>The UTM vs. Murray State Blood Battle will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 26, and Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in front of the UC. UTM has won this battle for several years. Continue the tradition, while supporting a great cause. Give the gift of life!</p>

Underage drinking declines at UTM, still prevalent among students

New student programs, among efforts, to help decrease repeat alcohol violations

Brittany Dowdy
Staff Writer

The recidivism rate among UTM students with alcohol related offenses has dropped over the past three years. Due to the combined efforts of Student Affairs, UTM Public Safety, the Martin Police Department, and student interest groups on campus, students now are less likely to be involved in repeated alcohol violations. In 2005, there were 66 liquor law violations on campus. That includes DUIs, underage citations, public intoxication citations, and any other violation involving alcohol. Thirty-five of those violations were instances of

underage drinking. Persons under 21 who are caught with alcohol are referred to court, where they will get 20 hours of community service, a \$50 fine plus court costs and they are subject to lose their license for one year. In addition, violators will be referred to Student Affairs for violating the no alcohol on campus rule. Lieutenant Ray Coleman, Interim Director of Public Safety, said, "A vast majority of vandalisms, assaults, and other disturbance calls that occur on campus are alcohol related." So not only are offenders getting punished for alcohol violations, but there are many other charges that can be brought to them if the situation gets out of control. The Martin Police



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Department is doing their part to control underage drinking by patrolling local bars, watching for people driving impaired and implementing road blocks for seat belt checks. They have a little help with this from the Governor's

Highway Safety Office. The MPD received grants that specifically target underage drinking violations. It is the office's objective to make roads and highways safer places to drive. One of their many areas of concentration are advertisements.

"Booze It and Lose It" and "Click it or Ticket" slogans are some ways the office highlights traffic safety. MPD Police Chief David Moore said, "If we target them [underage drinkers] before they get behind the wheel of a car, we can cut down on alcohol related crashes and DUIs." So far Chief Moore feels they have been successful. He also commented that the maturity level of UTM students seems to be high when it comes to alcohol. Moore attributes that to the quality members of not only the Martin community, but the UTM community as well. There are two student groups on campus who are looking to make a difference in the fight against alcohol related offenses. GAMMA, Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol, and BACCHUS, the non-Greek counterpart to GAMMA, also focus on the education of alcohol awareness. With some of the grants that MPD has received, they also received a new drinking and driving prevention tool, SIDNE. SIDNE is a go cart that can switch into drunk driving mode by manipulating a remote controlled by a trained officer. Students at middle and high schools are encouraged to take the go cart around an obstacle course. During the duration of the course, the officer will turn on the impaired mode, which will lock up the steering, disengage the brakes, or employ the gas. This gives students the opportunity to experience what it is like to be impaired while driving. The MPD plans to bring SIDNE to UTM for educational sessions.

Brian Payne brings Peace Corps issues to students

Allie Thomas
Staff Writer

"Global Voluntarism" was last Thursday night's message from Peace Corps' Recruitment Coordinator Brian Payne in the Humanities' Auditorium. As a global volunteer, Payne's experience did not rotate around what a Google search of the term may entail. Rather, it revolved largely around the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Antigua and in various other corners of the world. One of the biggest challenges he faced as a Peace Corps volunteer was overcoming the mixed images he gave being a black American in places where populations were predominantly black. Payne said that he had to battle the notion that some blacks have in foreign countries - that whites are more intellectual - by proving that there is no correlation between race and intelligence. Also there were those skeptical of Payne with looks begging the question: "Is he really here to help us?" or "what can he do that I can't?" These questions forming in the minds of host-country nationals seemed to predominate the mood upon his arrival. One element that Payne said the American media has projected to the global community is the belief that all Americans are New Yorkers - or at least from some major metropolis. And in order to win favor in the minds of people in




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Peace Corps Recruitment Coordinator Brian Payne described his involvement in the Peace Corps and the challenges he has faced. He encourages all to get involved with this humanitarian organization.

the modest environments where he worked, Payne had to emphasize that at heart he is just a "country boy" from Thomasville, N.C. In time he would become viewed as "Brian the Antiguan" instead of "that Black man." From there he developed an AIDS awareness program via a government-sanctioned curriculum in Antigua. He wrote and presented his program to secondary-aged students while teaching health and

physical education. The Peace Corps is a humanitarian organization that works in the development of world peace and understanding among global populations. There are currently 7,810 volunteers serving in 138 countries. The application process takes nine to 12 months and each tour lasts 27 months. For more information or to apply, please go to peacecorps.gov.



Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

1:10 p.m., September 5 Gooch Hall Report of a subject suffering from stomach pains. Subject was treated on the scene and transported by EMS.	3 a.m., September 8 University Courts Subject reported vandalism to their apartment. Investigation continues.
1:57 p.m., September 5 Maintenance Subject reported theft of personal property. Investigation continues.	2 p.m., September 8 University Street Ms. Kayla A. Cazenave was issued a citation for failing to yield to a pedestrian (City Court).
10:08 p.m., September 6 Lot 19 Mr. James R. Halford and Mr. Cody C. Cunningham were referred to Student Affairs to be put on the alcohol first offenders list.	3:10 p.m., September 8 Fine Arts Report of theft of university property. Investigation continues.
11:33 p.m., September, 6 Lot 7 Ms. Emily J. Bartholomew was referred to Student Affairs to be put on the alcohol first offenders list.	2:27 p.m., September 10 University Village Report of damage to university property. Report on file.
1:08 p.m., September 6 Lot 2 Accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.	9:08 p.m., September 10 Lot 2 Report of disturbance involving two parties. Officer responded and advised subjects to not have any further contact.
12:14 p.m., September 7 Hurt Street Ms. April J. Hammons was issued a citation for a stop sign violation and failure to exhibit license (City Court).	9:45 a.m., September 13 Hurt Street Mr. Kyle M. Parham was issued a citation for a stop sign violation.
7:48 a.m., September 7 Cooper Hall Report of a fire alarm sounding. Officers and fire dept. responded. Determined to be caused by food in a microwave. System was reset.	7:22 p.m., September 13 Ellington Hall Report of a disturbance between two students. Officers advised students not to have contact with each other.

Impact of HIV/AIDS among African Americans

- According to the 2000 census, African Americans make up 12.3 percent of the U.S. population. However, African Americans accounted for 19,206 of the estimated 38,730 new HIV/AIDS cases.
- During 2001 to 2004, the rate of HIV/AIDS cases for African Americans decreased, although the rate for African Americans was still the highest rate for all racial and ethnic groups
- Of the estimated 18,849 people under the age of 25 whose diagnosis of HIV/AIDS was made during 2001 thru 2004 in the 33 states with HIV reporting, 11,554 were African American, which is 61 percent.
- Of the estimated 80,187 African Americans whose diagnosis of HIV/AIDS was made during 2001 thru 2004 in the 33 states with HIV reporting, 62 percent were males and 38 percent were females.
- The primary mode of HIV transmission among African American men was sexual contact with other men, followed by heterosexual contact and injection drug use.
- The primary mode of HIV transmission among African American women was heterosexual contact.

Source:Outline of Brian Payne's speech

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Student to acquire license in gospel ministry Sept. 24

Melissa Dixon
Staff Writer

Six years after becoming a Christian, Rich Shadden will become licensed to the gospel ministry and dedicate the rest of his life to pastoral ministry on Sunday, September 24 at First Baptist Church in Martin.

Shadden, who is a senior at UTM and an expected 2007 English graduate, will present to his congregation a sermon, insight on the direction God is leading him, and his personal testimony of salvation and call to ministry.

"Everyone has their purpose and place," said Shadden. "My purpose is to serve God as a pastor. I wouldn't be at peace doing anything else."

Following his licensing, Tennessee state law will permit Shadden to conduct marriage ceremonies, funerals and counseling services.

Shadden became a Christian in 2001 at the age of 16. However, it was not until he was 18 that he felt led to the ministry and it was not until he was 19 that he professed his calling publicly.

During Shadden's collegiate career, he has been actively involved in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the Greek Bible Study.

In addition to Shadden's involvements on campus, he has attended the First Baptist Church of Martin his entire life. In fact, he accredits the church with powerfully impacting him and the UTM campus.

"Countless members of First Baptist Church have played significant parts in my development and have



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UTM senior Rich Shadden, who is expected to graduate this May, is pursuing his life's calling in the field of gospel ministry. He will continue his pursuit by receiving his ministry license from First Baptist Church on Sept. 24.

taught me what the role of ministry is in my life," said Shadden. "They have licensed at least 15 men in my time and they are consistently involved in student life at UTM."

After graduation, Shadden plans on attending a seminary school in the Southeast and mastering in Divinity with a concentration in Pastoral Ministry.

Following Shadden's licensing service on Sept. 24, Jason Adkins, a recent graduate and current

employee at UTM, will become licensed at the First Baptist Church of Martin on October 1 of this year.

Jesse Moss, who is also a recent graduate, has already received his license and is currently attending Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Both Adkins and Shadden are considering attending the same university in the near future.

Coleman named as Interim Director of Public Safety

Brittany Dowdy
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Ray Coleman was recently named Interim Director of Public Safety.

When asked if students can expect to see any changes on campus, Coleman said to expect no changes while he is Interim Director. Coleman plans to maintain current procedures of enforcement and education efforts as Interim Director.

"Hopefully, campus will experience the same quality of professional service from the department during this period until a new director is appointed," said Coleman.

Beginning his UTM career as an undergraduate student, Lieutenant Coleman

has been on campus for 24 years. After receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, he went on to obtain a Masters in Education with an emphasis on alcohol and drug abuse. He is also, among other things, a graduate of the 200th session of the FBI National Academy.

The department's educational efforts include campus quality of life issues, such as working with Student Affairs, the Student Success Center and the StudentLifeOffice. Coleman will continue his work as an advisor of SABER, Sexual Assault Behavior Education Response, which is a group that focuses on the awareness, prevention, and effective response of sexual assaults.



Ray Coleman

Coleman will also begin to be involved in GAMMA, Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol, a group of Greeks peer educating about alcohol management, and BACCHUS, the non-Greek counterpart to GAMMA.

"Coleman will be comfortable and confident in his position... he is UTM through and through," said UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

Center for Global Studies accepts applications for travel scholarships

Darci Meyer
Staff Writer

The Center for Global Studies is receiving applications for its Travel Study Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year.

Any full-time undergraduate, graduate or TIEP student who enrolls in a travel-study or study-abroad program approved by the Travel Study Committee can apply for the scholarship funded by the SGA Travel Study fee.

Dr. Paul Crapo, executive coordinator of the Center for Global Studies, said, "An international experience is a crucial component of a student's undergraduate education. Therefore, a student should make every effort to take advantage of the SGA Travel Study Scholarship to support a program that will complement his or her academic

path."

Each student is eligible to be awarded one scholarship per academic year. Last year, approximately 125 students were awarded a scholarship ranging from \$250 to \$500. Students are encouraged to find additional scholarship assistance from their colleges and departments within their majors and from the LEAD Academy.

"I think the SGA Travel Scholarship is a very nice program that we have here at UTM," said Natalie Newton, a senior Spanish major from Jackson. "The scholarship is available to any student who wants to travel to another country in a school-related trip. I have used the SGA Travel Scholarship twice. The first time was for my trip to Guanajuato, Mexico, in the summer of 2005, and the second time was used for

my trip last spring to Spain. It was very easy to apply for. It is very nice to have some extra help from our SGA in financing a trip to another country. It really helps that those funds are available to any student and the application process is so easy."

The first application deadline is Oct. 2 for travel-study and study-abroad trips taken within Oct. 14, 2006 – March 19, 2007.

The funds are limited and may be significantly depleted by the spring semester. Eligibility requirements do apply. Please see the application for more information regarding these requirements.

Applications are available at the Center for Global Studies located in 124 Gooch Hall and will soon be on its web site at www.utm.edu/globalstudies.com.



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Vanguard Theatre gears up for production of ‘Lysistrata’

Alaina Shamp
Staff Writer

Each semester Vanguard Theatre entertains us with a performance that is nothing short of phenomenal, and this year is no exception. The choice for this semester’s production is *Lysistrata*, the classic Greek comedy filled with heroism and charm. *Lysistrata* was the third and final work of the ancient playwright Aristophanes who sets the stage in Sparta during the Peloponnesian War.

The protagonist, Lysistrata is regarded as a heroine in many respects. She is exhausted by the war between her people and the Greeks and after much evaluation takes matters into her own hands. Lysistrata manages to hold an assembly for the women of Sparta and surrounding areas where she convinces them to swear to an oath that they will withhold sexual favors from their husbands until both sides have agreed to sign a peace treaty.

Characters include the Chorus of Old Men and the Chorus of Old Women, who add a comedic element to the plot



as well as protect the Akropolis. Kleonike, Lysistrata’s neighbor, embraces her femininity and supports her bold idea. Myrrhine also is a character who uses her feminine strength to her husband Kinesias’s disadvantage. She tricks him into thinking that she will have sex with him then a moment before, rejects him. He is the first to be affected by the sex strike. Then, there is the Commissioner of Public Safety who is in command of the laws and regulations yet is so overwhelmed by the women and their spirit that he dresses as a woman himself. The protagonist is supported by many women during her quest for peace between two countries she believes have too much com-

mon heritage to engage in war. Lysistrata faces struggle, but her feminine drive to persevere is stronger.

The production cast, led by director Ken Zimmerman, may be larger than previous semesters, perhaps even consisting of 25-30 members. With production dates scheduled for November, it is no stretch to assume that much hard work and creative time will pay off for an unbelievable production of the ancient Greek comedy, *Lysistrata*.

For those interested in being a part of the play, auditions start tonight at 7:30 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building.

Book signing celebrates student’s writing success

UTM English Department and bookstore help Stephen Outten celebrate the release of his first novel

Rachel Rogers
Arts and Entertainment
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On May 16, *The Shadows Whisper* hit retailers such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. While most people might give it a glance and pick it up to leaf through it, many will never know the incredible story behind it.

The author is a college student.

And not just any college student. He’s Stephen Outten, an English major here at UTM.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable things about this is the fact that, like most of us, Outten has class and schoolwork to worry about. Where did he find the time to write a full-length novel?

“I wrote *The Shadows Whisper* mostly over the summer of 2005, although I was working roughly 40 hours a week as a cashier at Wal-Mart,” says Outten. “I would daydream about the story as I rang up customers, then as soon as I got home, I would sit at the computer for hours on end until my mind and fingers were exhausted. I think that because Wal-Mart was my job, and writing was my escape, the writing became a mental release, and that facilitated its quick completion.”

And though it hasn’t been out for that long, *The Shadows Whisper* isn’t a book that’s destined to get shoved behind the other books at the rack and forgotten.

“*The Shadows Whisper* has done well,” says Outten. “In fact, based on book sales, customer interest and reader reviews, it earned PublishAmerica’s “Book of the Week” after it had only been out for a week.”

To celebrate the release of the book, the UTM English Department sponsored a book signing at the UTM Bookstore, where you can pick up a copy of the novel. Outten opened the day by reading from the novel, and then spent the rest of the time signing copies for both students and faculty alike.

The Shadows Whisper tells the story of Colin Lockner, a young writer who keeps dreaming of a beautiful woman encouraging him to find her. Colin later discovers that he is the reincarnated soul of a man who, along with his lover, was killed on



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Stephen Outten signs a copy of his book *The Shadows Whisper* for Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Tom Rakes at his book signing.

the verge of the Civil War. While his soul moved on, the woman’s soul stayed behind and is now trying to reach him.

“*The Shadows Whisper* was my first attempt to successfully tell a novel-length story, so I’m very proud I was able to accomplish this feat,” says Outten.

Of course, every good story has to come from somewhere. And for Outten, it stemmed from his love of classic literature and suspense novels. “One night I decided I wanted to tell an original love story that incorporated many of the elements from my Literature classes, a tale that was unlike anything I had ever read,” says Outten. “*The Shadows Whisper* was my attempt to reconcile the academic world with the mainstream world and to tell a story that was not defined by a specific genre. *The Shadows Whisper* does not follow a formula—it has a heart. And at its heart, it is a love story. A refreshingly original love story.”

“Anyone who likes *The Notebook* or *Moulin Rouge* will enjoy it,” continues Outten. “I also incorporated suspense and intrigue, so if you’re a fan of mystery, this novel also has something to offer. Finally, I used skills in literary analysis to incorporate a deep level of philosophical thought, one that

doesn’t dictate the story, but one that enriches it.

At the moment, Outten is working on his second book, with much encouragement from his girlfriend, Holly. “The second book is still in the developmental stage,” says Outten. “I’ve written a few short stories to kick around the premise and get to know the characters, but it’s shaping up to be an exciting project. My next book isn’t going to be a sequel, but I can’t rule out a follow-up in the future.”

Outten also has advice to give to anyone who has dreams of writing their own novel.

“Write,” he says. “Do it everyday. Writing isn’t about the finished product, it’s about getting there and enjoying the ride. Let the writing guide you. I promise it will enrich you.”

And with all of the success that Outten has had, he has no plans of slowing down anytime soon.

“Writing for me isn’t really a hobby, it’s a way of life,” Outten says. I write poetry and nonfiction as well as fiction, but someday I’d love to publish a nonfiction book about my grandmother’s incredible life, and I’d love to publish a book of poems someday, too. As long as there are stories to tell—and there are a lot of them—I’ll be writing.”

Weekend Box Office Estimates September 15-17

	Weekend gross	Culmative gross
1. <i>Gridiron Gang</i>	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
2. <i>The Black Dahlia</i>	\$10,362,000	\$10,362,000
3. <i>Everyone’s Hero</i>	\$6,150,000	\$6,150,000
4. <i>The Last Kiss</i>	\$4,702,000	\$4,702,000
5. <i>The Covenant</i>	\$4,700,000	\$15,714,000
6. <i>Invincible</i>	\$3,904,000	\$50,911,000
7. <i>The Illusionist</i>	\$3,751,000	\$23,254,000
8. <i>Little Miss Sunshine</i>	\$3,350,000	\$46,390,000
9. <i>Hollywoodland</i>	\$2,736,000	\$10,536,000
10. <i>Crank</i>	\$2,700,000	\$24,414,000

The phenomenon that is known as online shopping

With all the convenience and ease of shopping from your own computer

Sara McIntosh
Asst. Sections Editor

One of the most overlooked benefits to the information highway is appreciated and used regularly by the likes of students across the country as well as here in Tennessee.

How better to appeal to the mass of overstressed and under-appreciated college students than to have retailers update their Web sites and offer better products for the technologically minded in order to ensure that money is being spent while surfing the Web instead of in the traditional venues of years gone by. This online shopping craze isn’t just limited to the cheapest college textbooks or school requirements because many retailers are recognizing the sheer potential behind all of the disposable income burning holes in the frayed jeans of college students.

The stores that once catered to the rich, older and Bourgeoisie are now redeveloping and refocusing their sites to cater to the fashions and trends that are indicative of the youth holding the reins of the technological forefronts. For example, Bed, Bath & Beyond offers products that make the housewife or grillmaster happy as they are spending \$80 on a stainless-steel dish drainer, which is a reasonable expense to maintain a happy household, while the stu-

dents may spend \$80 on a art-deco French-style memory board to hang in their drab and colorless dorm rooms. The reason this may seem more appealing is because the sites offer photos in varying degrees of intensity, much like what you would expect whenever you are holding the object in your hand while listening to elevator music and avoiding the incessant stares of the sales staff.

Traditional stores are re-vamping old, boring and technologically-inferior Web sites to appeal to the easily spent dollars that are lining youthful pockets across the country. Overstock.com and eBay are becoming the essential sites to purchase hot-ticket items, such as PDA’s and wireless keyboards, at relatively inexpensive prices in comparison to the well-established and parent-friendly stores like Best Buy and Wal-Mart. Beyond the fact that shopping can be done in socially unacceptable or reprehensible attire, the convenience of having items shipped to anywhere is most appealing to anyone wishing to avoid the wait in a line that never seems to end.

However, the downside to this seemingly convenient method of purchasing your friend’s birthday gifts a year in advance is the unfortunate rise in shipping costs, which can be attributed to the rising price of oil. Sites may boast cheaper and better prod-

ucts at the click of your mouse but after adding in the prices of taxes and shipping, the price may be comparable to the prices at the regular store fronts. That being said, it comes down to personal preference on whether you choose to have the convenience of shipping straight to your home with no worry about the stinky, holy socks on your feet or whether the personal interaction with the employees as well as the public are integral to your shopping experience.

Shopping online is seen by different perspectives according to the individual’s experience from previous ventures into the e-commerce realm. Just like students refrain from choosing classes without first referencing Ratemyprofessor.com or from friends, there is a significant need for buyer/seller feedback.

The opinion of other previous shoppers is an important gauge on how to ensure that your online shopping experience is a somewhat pleasurable one. If there is a possibility that students may have been burned by online retailers, there will be plenty of venues for their opinions to be heeded by the general public. Any doubts on whether to buy, go with the way of caution and wait until you find someone more reputable or trustworthy.

Yet another reason to waste all your time on MySpace

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

We're all guilty of it. Sitting in a classroom while the teacher drones on and on, and discreetly trying to check your MySpace page.

Believe it or not, MySpace has plenty of other useful purposes besides simply being something interesting to do when you have a lot of time to waste or if you're trying to stay awake during a boring lecture.

For example, instead of wasting 20 bucks on gas so you can drive to Memphis or Nashville and pay another 45 dollars to see your favorite band in concert — and those are the cheap seats! — you can simply log on, hit up MySpace, and listen to that same band for free right in your own home.

Many bands, both Top 20 acts and undiscovered jems trying to make it in the music world, have quickly jumped on to the MySpace bandwagon, and it's proved to be one of the best things to ever happen to the music world. Want to hear a song off of that album that's not due out for another two months? Chances are, it's on MySpace. Don't know if your favorite group is heading towards Tennessee on their upcoming tour? Many bands have their tour dates posted on their page. You can see pictures, news and a lot of other goodies on there as well.

But MySpace isn't just for bands like My Chemical Romance and AFI. You can check out bands like local rockers Horizontal Orange or other groups trying to hit the big time, or who are trying to build up a fan base, even if it's just in their area. And who can blame them? There is hardly anyone out there who doesn't have their own MySpace page, or who hasn't browsed the massive number of pages just out of sheer boredom. That's better publicity than a shiny ad or edgy commercial that you've got to pay a couple of thousands of dollars for and hope that someone who actually cares will see it and want to go buy your album.

Another good reason why the union of music and Myspace is so beautiful? It just may save you money in the long run. And while you may be sitting there wondering

how this is possible, consider this: you hear a song on the radio and you immediately fall in love with it. You decide you have to have it constantly playing in your car or in your MP3 player. You might decide to buy it from iTunes, or you might not. But you decide you have to have it. Problem is, you don't want to go shell out money for a CD that might only have one good song on it.

Problem solved! You can go to MySpace and, chances are, that band will have more than one song up from that album that you can check out. So then you can listen to it and make sure it's worth spending that hard-earned cash on. And with all the money you save, you might actually be able to afford going to that concert in Nashville or Memphis!

And as another added bonus, you can also check out your favorite music videos. This is quite helpful to the avid music fan, especially when they have no MTV or VH1 to watch at 1 a.m. to catch the newest video from your favorite artist. Or you can watch old favorites that you haven't seen in some time when that fit of nostalgia hits you.

Is this going to cause a drop in CD sales? Will MTV and VH1 go off the air because their ratings have dropped? It's hardly likely. In reality, the use of MySpace to promote music will be a boon to the industry. Hearing new stuff by major names will get you at least to the iTunes Web site, if not to the nearest music store to pick up the CD.

As for the up-and-coming folks, this will give everyone a chance to hear something new, and to perhaps help launch some undiscovered group from California into the next Billboard chart toppers.

So now that you know all about this groovy music you can check out for free, where do you go? It's simple. Once you get to MySpace, simply click on the word "music" located at the top of the page. And, in no time, you will be checking out thousands of different groups, ranging from the latest gospel act to a hardcore screamo band who claims they are the sons of Satan. Or go to "videos", and watch whatever it is that tickles your fancy.

But don't take my word for it. Check it out for yourself!

Some of the acts you'll find on MySpace...

•Black Water Prophecy	Metal/ Rock/ Alternative
•Chingy	Hip Hop
•Lupe Fiasco	Hip Hop/ Rap
•Swollen Members	Hip Hop/ Rap/ Indie
•Mojoe	Hip Hop/ Rap/ Soul
•Catfish Haven	Rock/ Soul/ Indie
•The Meeting Places	Indie/ Rock/ Progressive
•LunY Tunes	Latin
•Secondhand Serenade	Acoustic/ Rock/ Emo
•Panic! at the Disco	Rcok/ Big Beat/ Techno
•Danity Kane	Pop/ Hip Hop/ R&B
•Drowning Pool	Rock/ Metal
•Cassie	R&B/ Pop/ Hip Hop
•Justin Timberlake	Pop
•Hollywood Undead	Hip Hop/ Screamo
•hellogoodbye	Pop/ Powerpop/ Indie
•Hinder	Rock
•The Scene Aesthetic	Acoustic/ Indie/ Pop
•Cascada	Club/ Pop/ Trance
•Yung Joc	Rap/ Hip Hop/ R&B
•Mindless Self Indulgence	Alternative/ Punk/ Electro
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•Jim Jones	Hip Hop/ Rap
•T.I.	Hip Hop/ Rap/ R&B
•Lit	Rock/ Metal/ Powerpop

Those songs that just won't go away

The good, bad and ugly cover songs

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

So as we were sitting in the *Pacer* office, one of those random conversations that we tend to have on a daily basis sprang up, and it made us wonder: what have been some of the most re-done songs?

After extensive Net surfing, we decided that it had to be the Cure's "Love Song", which has been re-done at least six times. A Perfect Circle, Anberlin and, most recently, 311 have all re-done this one song.

Another song that has been covered several times is Fleetwood Mac's "Landslide". Tori Amos, the Smashing Pumpkins and the Dixie Chicks have all covered this song.

Some bands have even made their living doing cover songs. For example, besides covering nearly every Moterhead song ever made, Metallica has also covered such songs as Lynard Skynard's "Tuesday's Gone", Blue Oyster Cult's "Astronomy" and Bob Seager's "Turn the Page". Other bands they have covered include Iron Maiden, the Misfits, Black Sabbath and Thin Lizzy.

While most cover songs are nowhere near as good as the original, or so many of us think, some are actually more famous than their predecessors. As many of you know — especially if you're addicted to the "Greatest..." shows on VH1 like me — Jimi Hendrix's only No. 1 hit was "All Along the Watchtower," which was written by Bob Dylan. In fact, that song was voted the No. 1 cover song on digitaldreamdoor.com's 100 Greatest Cover Songs.

Other songs that have

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gleaned more respect as a cover include "Respect," made famous by Aretha Franklin, Quiet Riot's version of "Cum on Feel the Noise," Elvis Presley's version of "Hound Dog" is definitely more memorable than Big Mama Thornton's original, and Simply Red's "If You Don't Know Me by Now."

Some groups that have had more than a few of their songs covered are the Beatles and Bob Dylan, both of whom have had big names cover their songs, although I'm still not sure if Michael Jackson's version of the Beatles' "Come Together" really counts.

Some of the *Pacer* staff's favorite cover songs include Pearl Jam's version of "Last Kiss," "Walking in Memphis" covered by Lone Star, Genesis's song "In the Air Tonight" as covered by Nonpoint, Snake River Conspiracy's "I am Human," "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston and, my personal favorite, HIM's remake of "Enjoy the Silence."

What about the worst cover songs? The ones that make us reach over and flip the radio off as fast as we can? According to the 100 Greatest Cover Songs list, Limp Bizkit's version of "Behind Blue Eyes" is the song that probably makes the original writers of the song cry. Kid Rock's "Feel Like Making Love," William Shatner's version of the Beatles' drug classic "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," Madonna's watered-down version of "American Pie," Dolly Parton's "Stairway to Heaven," the Bangles's "September Gurls," "Dock of the Bay" by Michael Bolton, "Sweet

Most Famous Covered Songs

1. "All Along the Watchtower"
(1967) original
(1968) cover
2. "Crossroads"
(1936) original
(1968) cover
3. "Good Morning Little School Girl"
(1937) original
cover by Ten Years After
4. "Statesboro Blues"
(1928) original
(1971) cover
5. "Hurt"
(1994) original
(2003) cover
6. "Man Who Sold the World"
(1971) original
(1993) cover
7. "Hound Dog"
(1953) original
(1956) cover
8. "Mr. Tambourine Man"
(1964) original
(1965) cover
9. "Respect"
(1965) original
(1967) cover

Child o' Mine" by Sheryl Crow and Hillary Duff's "My Generation" round out the worst cover song list.

I believe we should just leave songs they way they are. Why change a good, or a bad, thing? However, only Whitney Houston can make my hair stand on end when she sings "I Will Always Love You." No offense, Dolly Parton.



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Skyhawks tear through Webb on way to second straight win

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

A solid all-around effort by the Skyhawk football team resulted in a surprising 35-9 rout of NCAA Division II powerhouse Gardner-Webb on Saturday.

Senior kicker Taylor Brown set a new school record for most points scored in a game with 15 and Marcus Dawson rushed for 150 yards and a touchdown on 29 carries to help lead the Skyhawks to their second consecutive victory.

Freshman quarterbacks Greg Preston and Dexter Anoka combined to throw for 195 yards in the game as the Skyhawk offense accounted for a total of 485 yards. Nearly 300 of those yards came on the ground. Along with Dawson's output, Anoka rushed for 54 yards and Glover ran for 50. Preston and T.J. Hamilton combined for an additional 32 yards.

The accomplishments of the ground game came as the result of outstanding play of the Skyhawks' offensive line.

"Our offensive line was in better shape than they were last year. They came off the ball well and were more physical," Simpson said.

The Skyhawk ground attack did not appear to miss its usual leaders. Both Don and Josh Chapman missed the game due to an ankle injury and suspension, respectively.

The visitors left their mark on the scoreboard first when kicker Hunter Smith capped off the Runnin' Bulldogs' first drive of the game with a 26-yard field goal.

After gaining only five yards before punting the ball away on their first possession, the Skyhawks found paydirt the second time they held the ball. By keeping the ball on the ground, they moved consistently down the field and used the clock to their advantage. Dawson began

the drive with a 12-yard run to midfield and added a 13-yarder later to total 25 on the drive. Those two plays along with an eight-yard run by Preston and a six-yarder by Taurean Stephens put the Skyhawks in good position to score. Glover then took the ball into the end zone from the 24-yard line on his only touch of the possession.

Once again, the Skyhawk defense made its presence known. Despite having a nationally-ranked offense, the Bulldogs managed only two first downs and 25 total yards of offense in the first half and finished the game with 198 yards of offense. They entered play averaging 39.5 points and 482.5 yards of offense per game. Saturday's results represented a passing grade on a stiff test for the improved Skyhawk defense.

"We are getting accustomed to outstanding defensive play around here," said UTM head coach Jason Simpson.

Through the first three games of the season, the Skyhawks are allowing an average of 12.7 points per game. That figure is skewed by the season-opening loss to Ohio in which the team allowed 29 points. In their last two games, the Skyhawks have allowed an average of 4.5 points per game.

After the Skyhawk defense recorded a safety on a Joel Kilpatrick sack of Bulldog quarterback Devin Campbell, Brown tacked on a field goal with 41 seconds remaining in the opening quarter to give the Skyhawks a 12-3 lead.

After the ensuing Bulldog drive failed to produce a first down, the Skyhawks took over with good field position thanks to a 39-yard punt return by E. J. Daniel.

Once again, the Skyhawks moved the ball down the field and capitalized with a 20-yard kick by Brown.

The Skyhawks won the field position battle by repeatedly pin-



Trevor Ruszkowski/ Sports Information

ning the Bulldogs deep in their own territory.

With the exception of their first drive of the game, which began on the UTM 39-yard line, and a third-quarter drive that began on their own 35-yard line, the Bulldogs started inside their own 25 nine times.

"I was a bit surprised it wasn't

a shootout," Simpson said.

"They struggled in the red zone and I've always said that if you play with passion and heart, good things will happen," he continued.

Next up for the Skyhawks is a matchup with nationally-ranked Jacksonville State at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Graham Stadium.

UTM senior tailback Justin Glover carries the ball during Saturday's 35-9 victory over Gardner-Webb. The Yulee, Fla., native rushed six times in the contest for a total of 50 yards. As a team, the Skyhawks racked up 290 yards on the ground and dominated the time of possession in the game. The win was the second in a row for the Skyhawks, who improved their season record to 2-1 by registering their highest point total of the young season. They will open conference play when they host OVC member Jacksonville State at Graham Stadium on Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. The game marks the conclusion of a three-game homestand for the Skyhawks, who will begin a three-game road trip next Saturday when they travel to Clarksville to take on future OVC opponent Austin Peay.

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Volleyball team downs Trevecca for fifth consecutive win

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

The Skyhawk volleyball team overcame a rare indoor weather delay and breezed past Trevecca 3-0 last Tuesday to record its fifth consecutive victory in the young season.

Play came to a halt briefly during the second game with the Skyhawks holding a 7-0 lead because water was dripping from the ceiling beyond the playing court.

The stoppage in play proved to be nothing more than a nuisance as the home team picked up right where they left off. Dimphy Sasse pounded an ace to give the Skyhawks a 10-2 lead.

Trevecca failed to hit even .000 in either of the first two games, turning in a percentage of -.049 in the first game and -.129 in the second game. They improved to hit straight zeroes in the final game.

Despite their poor hitting, the visitors hung around in the first game. The Skyhawks claimed an early lead in the game but committed crucial errors that helped their opponents stay within striking distance. At times, they hurt themselves by being out of position and lacked communication.

With her team trailing 14-12, Coach Amy Draper called a timeout to settle them. The girls responded exactly as planned, quickly pulling even at 14 on a kill by sophomore outside hitter Taylor Noland. Still, the action remained even between the two teams through the next several

points.

The pivotal moment in the match occurred when junior middle Sarah Jett sent the ball hurtling to the floor with an emphatic spike. Jett's dramatic play gave the Skyhawks an 18-16 lead and her emotional reaction inspired her teammates to improve their effort.

From that point, the Skyhawks outscored the deflated Trojans 12-2 to take the first game by a score of 30-18.

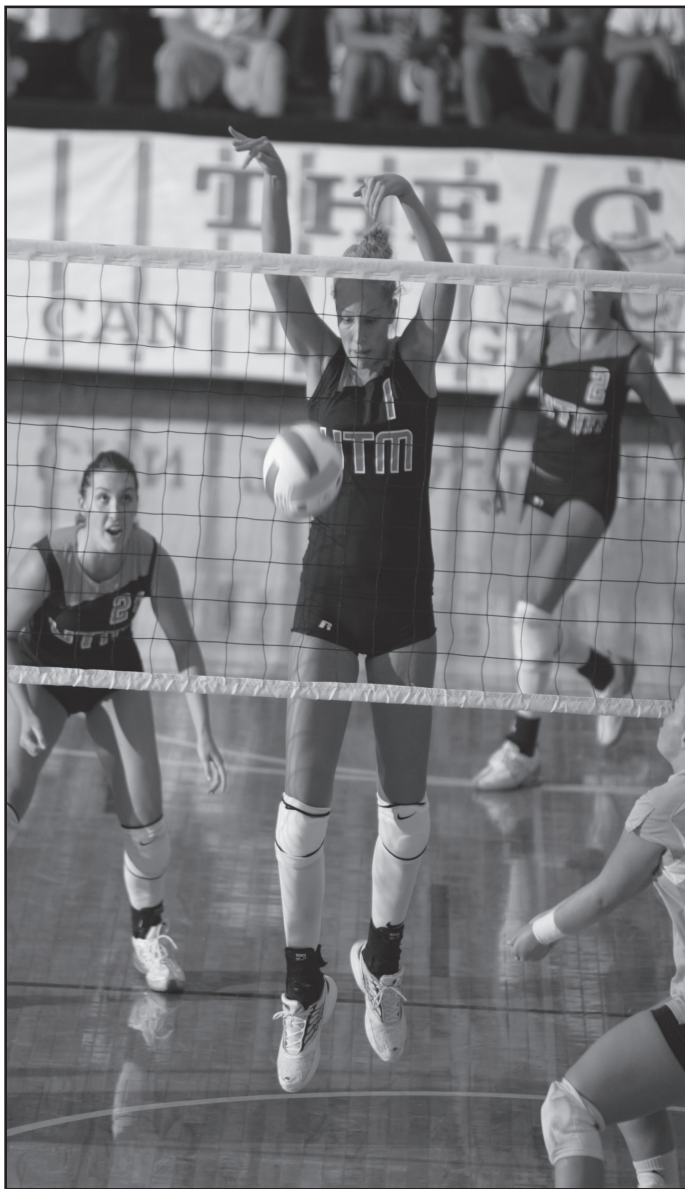
The start of the second game resembled the end of the previous game as the Skyhawks scored the first seven points behind the service game of Jamie Hollins. The scoring run included an ace by Hollins and kills by Dimphy Sasse and Lauren Montague, along with two Trevecca errors.

Even after the brief stoppage in play the Skyhawks lost no momentum. Once play resumed, a Kathryn Sprague kill and consecutive aces by Sasse extended the lead to 10-2. Consecutive errors by the visitors pushed the advantage to as much as 14-2 before they finally scored their third point.

After that point, though, Jett recorded three straight aces to stop any chance of a comeback. The Skyhawks took the game by a score of 30-10.

The Skyhawks hit .500 as a team in the second game. Jett led the team with four kills.

The final game began just as the previous two had, with the Skyhawks claiming the first three points. This time, how-



ever, Trevecca fought back to even the score at five points apiece.

Then it was Jett's moment to shine again. With the score deadlocked at six, she slammed home another point to put the Skyhawks on top by one. She then repeated that action to break a 7-7 tie and put her team ahead to stay.

"Sarah Jett is a finesse player. If she gets a big kill it can really help our momentum and it can really take

away from the other team," said UTM head coach Amy Draper.

"I think this team, regardless of where we are, what game or what point, they are always giving their maximum effort. I think that is going to help us as the season goes on. They are not going to back down when they see that things are going well," Draper said.



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Above, UTM junior middle Sarah Jett prepares to spike the ball during last Tuesday's match against Trevecca last Tuesday at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. Jett had nine kills in the match, second on the team behind Kathryn Sprague (left), who finished with 10. A particularly aggressive kill by Jett during the first game sparked her team's competitive fire. The team will begin a four-game road trip Friday when they face SEMO at 7 p.m. They will then travel to Eastern Illinois for a 2 p.m. match on Saturday. Next weekend, the trip will resume with a 7 p.m. match on Friday at Tennessee State and a 2 p.m. match on Saturday against Austin Peay. The trip matches the longest of the season for the Skyhawks.

Volleyball streak hits eight with Wofford tourney triumph

UTM Sports Information

The UTM Skyhawk volleyball team won its second consecutive tournament of the season and ran its win streak to eight in a row with wins over Campbell and Elon Saturday in the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Classic, hosted by Wofford College.

The Skyhawks defeated Campbell 3-1 (25-30, 33-31, 30-25, 30-28) and then blanked Elon 3-0 (30-27, 30-22, 30-17).

With the two wins the Skyhawks enter Ohio Valley Conference play with an 11-3 worksheet.

The Skyhawks lost the first game against Campbell 25-30, but recovered to win three straight and the match. Jamie Hollins and Dimphy Sasse each posted

double-doubles. Hollins had 17 kills and 15 digs, while Sasse had 16 kills and 13 digs.

As a team the Skyhawks hit .180 to win the match and recorded 11 team blocks.

The Skyhawks hit .173 against Elon, but managed to record a 3-0 win. Junior Anna Gautreau had 15 digs in the match, while Taylor Noland led the team with 11 kills.

The Skyhawks opened the three-match classic with a win over host Wofford Friday night.

UTM averaged a .265 hitting percentage over the three games. In the match against Wofford, the Skyhawks had a .415 attack percentage, the highest mark posted in the tournament. In that match, Sasse

had 12 kills on 19 attempts for a .579 hitting percentage. Noland had 13 kills on her 23 attempts for a .565 mark and Kathryn Sprague connected on four of her 10 tries for a .400 hitting percentage.

The Skyhawks also totaled 30 team blocks in their three contests with 11 in matches against Elon and Campbell.

Shelby Knose and Gautreau represented the Skyhawks on the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Classic all-tournament team.

The Skyhawks will return to action on Friday, Sept. 22 when they open OVC play at Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau.

Skyhawks drop soccer tournament opener to host No. Arizona

UTM Sports Information

The UTM Skyhawk women's soccer team fell 1-0 to Big Sky Conference member Northern Arizona as they opened play at the NAU La Quinta Inn and Suites High Altitude Tournament.

The loss drops the Skyhawks' record to 2-4-1 on the season, while NAU moves to 3-4-0.

The lone goal came unassisted off the foot of NAU forward Cee Cee Odorfer midway through the second half when she was able to move through the Skyhawk defense.

The Skyhawks were able to hold the NAU offense at bay during the first half, limiting them to only seven shots. Freshman goalkeeper Cara Sullivan tallied four first half saves which prevented NAU from gaining early momentum.

As play began in the second half, NAU

was able to wear down the Skyhawk defense and penetrate deep into Skyhawk territory at will out shooting them 25-5 in the second half.

Sullivan stopped seven more Lumberjack shots to record 11 for the match. The 11-save performance sets a new career benchmark in Sullivan's young career.

The Skyhawks will return to action in the NAU La Quinta Inn and Suites High Altitude Tournament Sunday at noon when they face off with Long Beach State of the Big West Conference.

The 49ers come into the match off a comfortable 6-1 victory over Texas State University and currently ranked No. 23 in Soccer Buzz Magazine's National Poll. This will be the first-ever meeting between UTM and Long Beach State.

Soccer team ends Northern Arizona tournament with loss to nationally-ranked Long Beach State

UTM Sports Information

UTM (2-5-1) fell 1-0 to No. 23 Long Beach State (7-1-0) at the Northern Arizona High Altitude Classic.

Despite aggressive defensive strategies and another stealer performance by goalkeeper Cara Sullivan, the Skyhawks were unable to contain the offensive power of the 49ers.

UTM opened the game with an aggressive defen-

sive strategy, pulling at least five players in the backfield. The strategy worked well in the first half as UTM was able to hold the 49ers at bay and keep it scoreless at halftime.

Long Beach State would eventually find the back of the net in the 75th minute when forward Kristin Childers netted a rebound off a 49er corner kick. Long Beach State fired a record 34 shots on the day, while the Skyhawks were limited

to only three.

UTM finishes play at the Northern Arizona High Altitude Classic with a record of 0-2. They will now turn attention to Ohio Valley Conference play as they open against the Eastern Illinois Panthers and look to avenge an overtime loss from last season. Kickoff in Charleston, Ill., is set for Friday, September 22, at 4 p.m.

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TBR: Continued from Cover

Adams said.

But while TBR is mulling making the move, UT administrators don't have changing the fee structure on the agenda—for now.

Sylvia Davis, UT vice president for administration and finance, said the UT system looked into moving to a flat, per-credit-hour charge in 2002, but then the passage of the Tennessee Education Lottery in 2003 put those plans on hold.

"We were afraid of putting any new structure in place because of the lottery," Davis said. "We'll come back in and start looking at it to see what's the fair thing to do."

The university system said before the lottery implementation, UT considered several alternatives, all of which were revenue-neutral, Davis said.

She said when the university looked into moving away from the present system in 2002, the prevailing reasoning for the move was equity.

"If you have a student who's taking 21 hours, then someone's subsidizing your cost," Davis said. "There's a fairness issue."

Additionally, Davis said there would be an incentive for boosting part-time enrollment in a revenue-neutral, per-hour charge system, since part-time tuition would end up being less expensive than under the current system.

UT's New College, the online branch of the university, already charges on a per-hour basis regardless of the number of hours a student attempts.

Davis added there are several ways to potentially make the existing fee structure fairer, other than charging a flat per-hour rate after 12 hours.

Some states use 15 hours as the threshold, some colleges use a tiered hourly charge system, and others give a students discounts for taking classes early in the morning, when courses are traditionally underutilized.

— Wesley Murchison of MTSU's The Sidelines contributed to this report.

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original contract were based on the VPI rate, offered with 72 hours per month that TVA could pull UTM off of the Weakley County power grid or UTM could pull itself off—granted rates were high enough that the generator could produce power cheaper than power could be bought from the county plant. Hooten said within the last 30 days, UTM has signed a new three-way contract with TVA, which is now in the process of being routed to UT Knoxville. The terms of the new contract are based on TVA's newly proposed fixed price interruptible (FPI) rate with the 72-hour deal still standing.

Still, that's not enough to make up the significant savings promised to UTM.

If TVA had not discontinued the originally proposed rate, the university expected to see savings of up to \$600,000 per year in energy costs, according to Tim Nipp, director of the UTM Physical Plant.

"We'll only be saving approximately \$200,000 per year in energy costs with the new [FPI] rate that we're going to," Nipp said.

However, according to a UTM electric cost spreadsheet, from December 2005 through July 2006, UTM only saved an average of \$20,000 per month on the new FPI rate in comparison to the firm price rate, which is what Martin city residents pay for regularly priced, undiscounted energy, and what UTM rates were based on before having the generators built and contracting with TVA. With TVA's original VPI rate, UTM had anticipated saving about \$45,000 to \$60,000 per month before the discounted rate was discontinued.

UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan said, "I'm a disappointed camper," (regarding the TVA rate increases) during a recent interview with Nashville newspaper, The Tennessean. In another interview conducted by the Nashville newspaper regarding the same issue, Jerry Preston, executive director of facilities for the Tennessee Board of Regents, which oversees the MTSU and Tennessee Tech, said the rate change had "really put a considerable financial stain [on the schools]." The article stated because of the rate increase, MTSU and Tennessee Tech's new generators would eventually cost the schools about \$4 million dollars over the next 15 years.

But Nipp says the power facility is still saving UTM a fair amount of money.

"During the hottest days in August 2006, UTM saved approximately \$3,000 by producing its own power. We went off on the peak rate hours, and produced energy cheaper than it could be bought from Weakley County Electric," Nipp said.

According to Nipp, energy rates fluctuate hourly. Therefore, UTM also monitors power rates hourly to determine the most cost-effective times to run the generator.

Nipp also said an additional benefit of using the generator is the university is unaware of the many local power outages because the generator is used during those times. "We have power when the rest of the area doesn't," Nipp said.

The power facility is connected to all buildings owned by UTM, including dorms, with exception of the UTM steam plants because Weakley County Electric experienced maintenance problems hooking the building up to the facility. University Courts and Grove Apartments also are not connected to the facility because they are individually metered; residents pay for their own electric services.

Hooten said UTM will continue working with TVA in hopes of getting the best rates possible. Hooten also said in the future it may be possible for the UTM generators to produce power for commercial sale.

The UTM power facility, containing four, two-megawatt generators, has built-in classrooms in which business, agriculture and engineering classes are held. Hooten said the equipment in the facility is expected to function properly for 30 years, but the anticipated 10-year repayment of construction debt will now most likely take at least 20 years.

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